MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I have an idea from the Government as to the circumstances which prompted them to say that the time is not ripe for the introduction of compulsory primary education in the State?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): That the department should have plenty of funds is one of the most important desiderata.

V. P. School for Muslims at Todupuzha.

81 *MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Muslims of Todupuzha had applied for a separate V. P. School for Muslims at Todupuzha; and

(*b*) if so, when and what action has been taken on it?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There were two applications—one on 11-11-1106 and the other on 15-12-1109.

The Division Inspector of Schools, Muvattupuzha, has been asked to report whether the Muslims are prepared to run a school under private management.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know the date on which the Divisional Inspector was called upon to report?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): About four months ago.

Importation of Petrol, Kerosene oil and Crude oil.

82. *MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the quantity of (*a*) petrol (*b*) kerosene oil and (c) crude oil imported into the State during each of the last five years?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): A statement showing the quantity of petrol and kerosene oil imported into the State during each of the past five years is laid on the table. Statistics of imports of crude oil are not available.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know from the member, why there is great difference in the figures of imports during 1110 and the other two previous years in respect of petrol and kerosene?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): I am not in a position to explain the disparity for these figures. The statistics collected are what is given.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know the agency that collects these figures

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Customs officers.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know the reason for the great difierence in respect of kerosene between the figures in 1109 and 1110 and the figures of two previous years?

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MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : I am not in a position to give the reasons. The figures are given as per the statistics collected. There might have been larger imports, perhaps for re-export.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : May I know whether the member is satisfied that there is some defect in respect of the agency that collects statistics?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : I do not contend that the arrangement is perfect. As for that matter we are going to introduce a new system by which accurate statistics can be collected.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : May I know whether these are dutiable articles?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : No.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum – Rural*) : May I know whether any import duty was levied in respect of these articles?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : None in Travancore.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : In British India?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : May I know whether of these articles are imported through Travancore ports, any duty is levied?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Only for direct importation from foreign countries.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : May I know whether these are dutiable articles if they come direct from foreign countries?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : May I know from Government whether they get any contribution from the duty levied by the Government of India.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : We get a contribution from the petrol fund.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : May I know whether any separate forms are maintained for the collection of statistics?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Yes.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know, whether the contributions rise or fall in proportion to the quantity imported into Travancore?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : I claim notice.

RAO SAHIB MAHA KAVI S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*) : May I know what is the new arrangement that the member said in regard to the collection of statistics?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : The Government propose to depute an officer to important British Indian custom houses for training in the collection and compilation of statistics.

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Appendix I.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 79.**

Statement showing the export of cocoanuts through the Quilon and Kundara Railway Stations in 1110 and 1111 and the duty realised.

Years.	Quilon Railway Customs.				Kundara Railway Customs.			
	Number of cocoanuts exported.	Duty realised.			Number of cocoanuts exported.	Duty realised.		
		Bh. Rs.	As.	P.		Bh. Rs.	As.	P.
1110	29,112	44	4	4	16,12,979	2,420	15	9
1111	6,70,624	1,006	10	2	38,14,598	5,724	2	7

Appendix II.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 82.**

Imports of Petrol and Kerosene oil.

Article	Years.				
	1107	1108	1109	1110	1111
	Gls.	Gls.	Gls.	Gls.	Gls.
Petrol	20,21,873	18,19,744	25,22,100	38,47,993	22,80,926
Kerosene oil	29,65,134	35,91,185	64,36,904	68,19,188	59,88,228

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